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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: Only about sixty to eighty women are engaged in the production of kamblies. They work by fits and starts. They have expressed their disinclination to go to a common place and work the looms.

SRI S. R. ARUMUGHAM: Unfortunately, the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Coimbatore, did not make a complete survey of the villages. Will the Government examine this question of kambli weaving once again and find a solution to this problem?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: The Director of Industries and Commerce has formulated a scheme to provide the workers of the Woollen Weaving Industry with improved looms and accessories allotted from the Cess Fund. His proposals are under consideration.

Civil Court for Wynaad taluk

* 2472 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the people of Wynaad in the year 1955 for the establishment of a Civil Court in the taluk; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government have taken any action on it.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: In view of the fact that due to colonization and large-scale migration from the Travancore-Cochin State, the population of the taluk has increased and that the ownership of the properties has changed consequent on which so many civil disputes have arisen, will the Government see that a civil court is established in the Wynaad taluk to lessen the hardships of the people there?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: The opening of a civil court is generally considered on the recommendation of the High Court and the High Court has written to us saying that the matter is under consideration.

Acquisition of Teads Gardens in Sembiam

* 2474 Q.—SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the reasons for delay in the acquisition proceedings in regard to Teads Gardens in Sembiam Division of Madras City?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: The delay in the acquisition proceedings is due to the fact that, while originally it was proposed to take action under the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, it was later considered desirable to acquire the land under the Madras Slum Improvement (Acquisition of Land) Act, 1954. A notification under section 3 (1) of the latter Act declaring the land as a "slum area" has been published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 24th August 1955. The land will be acquired soon, after following the procedure laid down in the Act.

SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI: In view of the fact that there is an urgent necessity for these slum-dwellers for getting a safeguard from the Government against eviction, will the Government see that some amount is allotted from the revenue funds and that this slum area is acquired urgently?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: Steps necessary for the purpose are being taken and the cost of acquisition will be borne by the Government in the first instance.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM: Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that the proceedings of acquisition through the Collector of Madras or through the department involve unusual delay? Therefore, will the Government empower the Commissioner of the Corporation to negotiate privately with the owners of this land and thus quicken the pace of acquisition in the interests of the slum-dwellers?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: The Government, in the first instance, tried to bring about an amicable settlement between the tenants and the owners unofficially, but the owners took steps to evict the tenants through court proceedings.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Questions Nos. 2475, 2476, 2484, 2488 and 2489 will be taken up on the 28th as the Hon. the Minister for Revenue is away from the headquarters.

Sea erosion

* 2477 *Q.*—SRI T. SHANMUGHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a serious sea erosion has taken place at Tiruvottiyur, Madras;

(*b*) if so, what steps the Government have taken to prevent further erosion; and

(*c*) if so, with what result?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) The execution of protective works in the first reach of 3,500 feet from the Obelisk near Cassimode to the Sewage outfall in the first instance is under consideration. The execution of